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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary  
National Security Council

SUBJECT : Dissemination of National Intelligence  
to Foreign Governments

1. In keeping with the present policy of the United States which associates this country with other governments in political and military cooperation, it is essential to provide these governments with U. S. national intelligence where such action will contribute to the security of the United States.

2. Heretofore national intelligence has been given some foreign dissemination, on a highly selective basis [redacted] to a few other foreign governments and NATO bodies. This has been done under the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence as inferred from the National Security Act of 1947 and the National Security Council Intelligence Directives. The volume of intelligence that can and should be released to certain foreign governments has become so considerable, however, that the National Security Council is requested to grant some specific authorization and clearly fix the responsibility for the dissemination of national intelligence to foreign governments.

3. It is therefore proposed that paragraph 5 of NSCIS-1 be designated 5(a) and that the following be inserted:

Paragraph 5(b) - Unless otherwise provided by law or NSC Directive, the Director of Central Intelligence is authorized to disseminate National Intelligence on a strictly controlled basis to foreign governments and international bodies upon determination by the Director of Central Intelligence, concurred in by the Intelligence Advisory Committee, that such action would substantially promote the security of the United States; provided that any disclosure of classified military information included in such national intelligence is in accordance with the policies laid down in the U. S. National Disclosure Policy (MIC 206/29), such determination to be made by the Army, Navy, and Air Force; and provided further that any disclosure of FBI intelligence information will be cleared with that Agency prior to dissemination.

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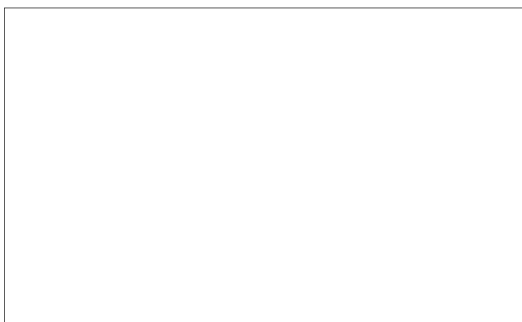
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4. In connection with the general subject of dissemination of intelligence to foreign governments, it is noted for the information of the National Security Council that the Central Intelligence Agency has been in the past and is currently disseminating intelligence information collected by it and finished intelligence (other than national intelligence) produced by it to certain foreign governments on a reciprocal basis. This is being done in keeping with national security interests and, where military information is involved, under the President's policy with respect to dissemination of military information to foreign governments (MIC 206/29). This has been necessary and extremely useful in securing the products of the intelligence agencies of the foreign governments to add to our own intelligence resources.

5. This proposal has been approved by the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

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